



# *Commencement*

***Winter 2006***



# *Forty-seventh Commencement*

*Saturday • December 16, 2006*

*Leggett & Platt Athletic Center*



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Processional "Pomp and Circumstance" ..... Elgar  
*Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble*

Invocation ..... Dr. Delores A. Honey  
*Assistant Vice President for Assessment and Institutional Research, Missouri Southern State University*

Welcome and Introductions ..... Dr. Julio S. León  
*President, Missouri Southern State University*

Address ..... Dr. Ron Lankford  
*Superintendent, Webb City R-7 Schools*

Presentation of Class ..... Dr. Richard J. McCallum  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University*

Conferring of Degrees ..... Dr. Julio S. León

## **Presentation of Diplomas**

Congratulatory Remarks ..... Dr. William E. Huffman  
*President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University*

Announcement of Academic Honors ..... Dr. Richard J. McCallum

Alma Mater ..... Stephanie Gilmore & Shannon Martinous  
*Class of 2007*

Benediction ..... Dr. Delores A. Honey

Recessional "Sine Nomine" ..... R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg  
*Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble*

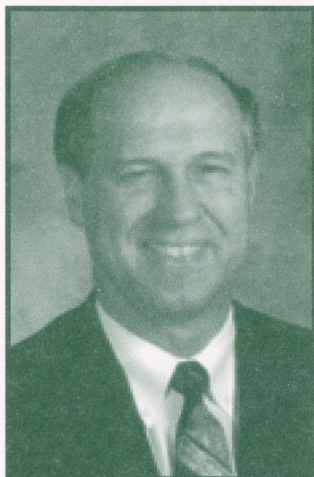
Sign Language Interpreter ..... Sharlene Williams

*Alma Mater on page 14. • Please remain seated until recessional is completed.*

*Please turn off all cell phone, beepers, and pagers. Thank You!*



## *About the Speaker*



Dr. Ronald L. Lankford, Superintendent of the Webb City R-7 School District, is considered one of the most highly respected superintendents in the state and has overseen dramatic growth in enrollment and in building expansion in Webb City schools during his tenure as superintendent.

A 1971 graduate of Missouri Southern, Dr. Lankford was named "Outstanding Alumnus" in 1981. He earned his Masters, Education Specialist (Ed.S.) and Doctorate (Ed.D.) degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

He started his career in education as a social studies teacher and guidance counselor at the Harrisburg Public Schools. He also taught and was assistant high school principal at East Newton. He has been an administrator in the Webb City schools since 1977 where he has served as junior high principal, high school principal, associate superintendent and superintendent.

In addition to his "Outstanding Alumnus" honor from Missouri Southern, Dr. Lankford was named Business Leader of the Year in 1999 by the Webb City Chamber of Commerce, and in 2003 he was selected by a committee of his peers, the Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA), as the recipient of the annual Robert L. Pearce Award.

Dr. Lankford has overseen more than \$29 million in building projects in the Webb City school district since 1998.

He and his wife, Carolyn, have two grown children, daughter Christina Dickinson, who is a kindergarten teacher, and son Craig, who is an M.D.



# Candidates for Honors & Degrees

## Baccalaureate Degrees

### *Summa Cum Laude*

**Grade point average 3.90 or above**

Branham, Sarah Beth  
Gould, Emilie Ann  
Miller, Jessica Lee

Scotten, Krista Shannon  
Skaggs, Christina Lynn

Sortors, Theresa Dianne  
Wilson, Suzanne Jane ‡

### *Magna Cum Laude*

**Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89**

Ainsworth, Cary R.  
Britton, Roxanna A.  
Devine, Bobbette S.  
Ensor, Alice Christine

Hendrix, Ashley Anne  
Hoenshell, Brook Elizabeth  
Humphreys, Elisabeth R. †

McCracken, Jennifer Rose  
Monahan, Logan Blaine  
Ward, Kayla

### *Cum Laude*

**Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79**

Caddy, Raymond Alan  
Callahan, Kriya S.  
Campbell-Lage, Jeanette R. \*\*  
Hofer, Melissa Kay  
Holmes, Sarah Elizabeth

Hunter, Laura Adelle  
Karsten, Melissa Marie  
Long, Jacob Edward  
Long, Stephen W.  
Mulia, Joseph Ford

Njoume, Laticia Maree  
Powers, Melissa Jeanette  
Skiles, Crystal Gayle \*\*  
Steele, Brek Connor  
Woods, Tessa Norene †

## Associate Degrees

### **Third Honors**

**Grade Point Average 3.70 - 3.799**

Depreste, Charles Dean  
Harrell, Jessica Danielle



# School of Arts & Sciences

## Bachelor of Arts

**Baack, David Edward**

*History*  
Joplin

**Divine, Kellee Beth**

*Communication*  
Joplin

**Ensor, Alice Christine**

*English*  
Joplin

**Evans, Tracy Renee**

*English*  
Carterville

**Foster, Angela Nicole**

*Spanish*  
Joplin

**Hendrix, Ashley Anne**

*Communication*  
Washburn

**Humphreys, Elisabeth R. †**

*Art*  
Joplin

**Jones, Samuel Lee**

*German*  
Joplin

**Karsten, Melissa Marie**

*Art*  
Baxter Springs, KS

**Lane, Amy L.**

*Sociology*  
Joplin

**Liu, Michele Yan**

*International Studies*  
Joplin

**MacIntosh, Jessica L.**

*Communication/French*  
St. Charles

**Mallory, Alexis Michelle**

*Communication*  
Kansas City

**McCain, Lisa R.**

*Art*  
Joplin

**Mulia, Joseph Ford**

*French/International Studies*  
Rolla

**Patterson, Jodie Lynn**

*Art*  
Joplin

**Porter, Richard Allen**

*English*  
Liberal

**Powers, Melissa Jeanette**

*History*  
Seneca

**Rousselot, Theresa Christine**

*Theatre*  
Webb City

**Shepherd, Kellee Dianne**

*Sociology*  
Joplin

**Skaggs, Lynsey Hunter**

*Art*  
Neosho

**Sneddon, Cody Ray**

*Spanish*  
Carthage

**Sparkman, Steven James †**

*International Studies*  
Seymour

**Spry, Stephen James**

*Spanish*  
Carterville

**Trout, Erin Rose**

*Political Science*  
Goodman

**Warner, Anayansi Puertas**

*Communication*  
Joplin

**Wilson, Suzanne Jane ‡**

*French*  
Joplin

**Wolven, Steven Andrew**

*Communication*  
Reed Springs

**Woods, Tessa Norene †**

*Spanish*  
Joplin

**Woodworth, Debra Dale**

*English*  
Noel

**Woodworth, George Burdette**

*English*  
Noel

**Zellmer, Catherine Marie**

*History*  
Carthage

## Bachelor of Science

**Buster, Adam Joseph**

*Biology*  
Carthage

**Cavener, Sara Ilene**

*Biology*  
Webb City

**Dalglish, David James**

*Mathematics*  
Monett

**Fisher, Tara Lea**

*Sociology*  
Neosho

**Forst Scriven, Jeanne Mae**

*Sociology*  
Carl Junction

**Foster, Angela Nicole**

*Biochemistry*  
Joplin

**Hombs, Kelson Grant**

*Sociology*  
Joplin

**Hunter, Laura Adelle**

*Environmental Health*  
Carthage

**Jones, Crystal Dawn**

*Sociology*  
Joplin

**Kerr, Sarah Elizabeth**

*Sociology*  
Joplin

**Lee, Sean G.**

*Biology*  
Neosho

**Lentz, Allison June**

*Biology*  
Park City, KS

**Littrell, James Adam**

*Biology*  
Chetopa, KS

**McAfee, Bradley James**

*Environmental Health*  
Carl Junction

**Moritz, Stephanie Michelle**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Morris, Pamela Jean**

*Biology*  
Neosho

**Rice, Aaron J.**

*Environmental Health*  
Joplin

**Roberts, Danielle Michelle**

*Biology*  
Bradleyville

**Scott, Mary Patricia**

*Environmental Health*  
Carthage

**Smothers, Christine S.**

*Sociology*  
Carthage

**Sorrentino, Sarah Elizabeth**

*Biology*  
Miami, OK

**Steele, Brek Connor**

*Environmental Health*  
Stockton

**Stinnett, Jeremy Jason**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Taylor, Timothy Michael**

*Environmental Health*  
Joplin

**Wattman, Jennifer F.**

*Sociology*  
Anderson

**Wells, Loni Suzanne**

*Sociology*  
Pittsburg, KS

**Wheeler, Miranda Cody**

*Biology*  
West Plains

**Woods, Tessa Norene †**

*Biochemistry*  
Joplin



# School of Business Administration

## Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

**Ainsworth, Cary R.**

Management  
Joplin

**Armstrong, Aaron Michael**

Management  
Independence

**Black, Sarah Rebekah**

Accounting  
Joplin

**Boatright, David Lee \***

General Business  
Carthage

**Bowen, Clarissa Kaye**

Accounting  
Joplin

**Boyer, Stacy Nichole**

Marketing  
Webb City

**Brewer, John Newton**

Marketing  
Webb City

**Brown, Samantha Sue**

Management  
Monett

**Cerrato, Fredy Salvador**

International Business  
Joplin

**Clark, Kasey Lynn**

Marketing  
Joplin

**Clubb, John Wesley**

Marketing  
Carl Junction

**Connelly, Joanne**

Accounting  
Wyandotte, OK

**Cooper, Betty Jayne**

Management  
Granby

**Cowger, Kasey Lee**

Marketing  
Oronogo

**Cupp, Matthew Lynn**

General Business  
Springfield

**Devine, Bobbette S.**

Accounting  
Anderson

**Dixon, Katherine Ann**

General Business  
Carthage

**Fanning, Shaun Ryan**

General Business  
Joplin

**Garner, Bryan C.**

General Business  
Pierce City

**Girton, Perry W.**

Accounting  
Webb City

**Glover, Toney R.**

Management  
Joplin

**Gober, Gerald C.**

Accounting  
Carthage

**Gould, Emilie Ann**

Accounting  
Fairland, OK

**Guilford, Jennifer Lynn**

Management  
Joplin

**Hallmark, Trishia Dawn**

Management  
Carthage

**Halterman, Aaron Michael**

Marketing  
Aurora

**Hargis, Britany D.**

General Business  
Coweta, OK

**Harris, Casey M.**

Management/International Business  
Monett

**Hart, Brandon Keith**

International Business  
Oronogo

**Hofer, Melissa Kay**

Management  
Harrisonville

**Jennings, Meagan Amber**

Accounting  
Joplin

**Jobe, Rachel Diane**

Marketing  
Neosho

**Johnston, Sarah Gayle**

Management  
Joplin

**Jones II, Alton**

Marketing  
El Paso, TX

**Kampa, Amanda Katherine**

Marketing/Management/General  
Business  
Brookline

**Kelsey, Hannah Marie**

International Business  
Eureka

**Lais, Sarah Meghan**

Marketing  
Overland Park, KS

**Larson, Alex Michael**

Marketing  
Carl Junction

**Mayberry, Jason Brian**

Management  
Seneca

**Michaud, Philip James**

Finance and Economics  
Webb City

**Millsap, Aaron Michael**

Accounting  
Joplin

**Misiko, Christabel Mutenyo**

Marketing  
Joplin

**Moreland, Dustin Howard**

Management  
Webb City

**Morris, Timothy Michael**

Management  
Moundville

**Osborne, Julie Lynn**

General Business  
Neosho

**Peña, Jason John**

Finance and Economics  
Webb City

**Riley, Justin Michael**

Marketing  
Carthage

**Roberts, Jennifer Lynn**

International Business  
Bradleyville

**Schmidt, Angela Holly**

Marketing  
Joplin

**Shouse, Rhonda Elaine**

Accounting  
Rockville

**Skaggs, Christina Lynn**

Accounting  
Noel

**Sombito, Matthew Jamili**

Marketing  
Webb City

**Sortors, Theresa Dianne**

Accounting  
Sheldon

**Spry, Stephen James**

International Business  
Carterville

**Straw (Brumfield), Donna Kay**

Accounting  
Sarcoxi

**Sturgis, Samuel Joseph Don**

Management  
Joplin

**Swaffar, Tyler Preston**

Finance and Economics  
Granby

**Tran, Thanh**

Finance and Economics  
Carthage

**Van Houtan, Todd Eric**

Marketing  
Joplin

**Velten, Jeremy Lawrence**

Management  
Pierce City



**Vetsch, Susan M.**

*Accounting*  
Joplin

**Walker, Shandon Joseph**

*Management*  
Joplin

**Watts, Andrew Mathews**

*Management*  
Carthage

**White, Patty Jean**

*General Business*  
Seneca

**White, Tyler Andrew**

*Management*  
Webb City

**Williams, Jahala J.**

*General Business*  
Joplin

**Wyler, Shelby Morgan**

*General Business/Marketing/  
Management*  
Joplin

## *School of Education*

### **Bachelor of Arts**

**Holmes, Sarah Elizabeth**

*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Riggen, Jaime Lorraine**

*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Shepherd, Kellee Dianne**

*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Ward, Kayla**

*Psychology*  
Goodman

**Latyshev, Oleg Sergeyevich**

*Psychology*  
Joplin

### **Bachelor of Science**

**Adkison, Amy Rae**

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Owensville

**Davidson, Becky Michelle**

*Psychology*  
Neosho

**McCracken, Jennifer Rose**

*Psychology*  
Newburg

**Roark, Tamara Marie**

*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Clements, Ashley Megan**

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Arkansas City, KS

**Hunnell, Angela Dawn**

*Psychology*  
Carthage

### **Bachelor of Science in Education**

**Branham, Sarah Beth**

*Elementary Education*  
Nevada

**Corrao, Megan Aileen**

*Elementary Education*  
Fiant CA

**Gonzales, Diane Elizabeth**

*Elementary Education*  
Neosho

**Krudwig, Bethany Ann**

*Theatre/Speech Communication  
Education*  
Webb City

**Brown, Ashley Nichole**

*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Crane, Matthew Isaac**

*Physical Education*  
Aurora

**Hoenshell, Brook Elizabeth**

*Business Education*  
Joplin

**Lanham, Jacqueline Annolene**

*Elementary Education*  
Neosho

**Callahan, Kriya S.**

*Elementary Education*  
Cassville

**Cupp, Caleb Andrew**

*Physical Education*  
Carthage

**Ince, Amanda R.**

*Middle School Education*  
Seymour

**Lee, Katherine Marie**

*Art Education*  
Carterville

**Campbell-Lage, Jeanette R\*\***

*Art Education*  
Carthage

**Fulsom, Micah Nicole**

*Elementary Education*  
Webb City

**Jaynes, Karissa Michele**

*Social Science Education*  
Lebanon

**Long, Jacob Edward**

*Industrial Technology Education*  
Caulfield

**Clutter, Brenda Joyce**

*English Education*  
Jasper

**Goddard, Marris Dawn**

*Art Education*  
Duenweg

**Keyes-Limkeman, Desiree Anne**

*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Long, Stephen W.**

*Social Science Education*  
Webb City



**Miller, Jessica Lee**  
*Elementary Education*  
Lamar

**Njoume, LaTicia Maree**  
*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Norton-Burkland, Ginney Patricia**  
*Elementary Education*  
Webb City

**Palmer, Elyse A.\*\***  
*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Ryan, Esther M.**  
*Physical Education*  
Joplin

**Schneider, Amy Katherine**  
*Physical Education*  
Oronogo

**Scotten, Krista Shannon**  
*Elementary Education*  
Nevada

**Skiles, Crystal Gayle\*\***  
*Middle School Education*  
Jefferson City

**Smith, Kristi Jean**  
*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Smith, Shannon Ashley**  
*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Tanksley, Marybeth Irene\*\***  
*Elementary Education*  
Baxter Springs, KS

**Trecker, Theresa Rose**  
*Elementary Education*  
Exeter

**Turner, Casey Elaine**  
*Elementary Education*  
Mount Vernon

**Wenger, Nicholas Anthony**  
*Business Education*  
Sarcoxie

**Wheeler, Rhonda Hallam**  
*Elementary Education*  
Aurora

**Wilson, Sean Kevin**  
*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Young, Christopher Canaan**  
*French Education*  
Joplin

## *School of Technology*

### **Bachelor of Science**

**Achey, Nathaniel S.**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Carl Junction

**Bond, Jeremie M.**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Decatur, IL

**Britton, Roxanna A.**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Neosho

**Chapman, Jordan Tyler**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Eaton, Joseph Neil**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Monett

**Fox, Steven Loren**  
*Management Technology (MIMS)*  
Nevada

**Friend, Penny Sue**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Pierce City

**Gaines, Leonard Clint**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Golden, Nicholas Patrick**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Kansas City

**Hartley, Zachary Thomas**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Carthage

**Harvey, Troy David**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Jones, Samuel Lee**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Joplin

**Kirk, Tiffany Marie**  
*Health Science*  
Joplin

**Kissinger, Abbie Rachel**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Newton, KS

**LaBlank, Cortlin K.**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Lynch Jr., James Michael**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**McDowell, Donald Bryan**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Merino, Eric James**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Neosho

**Monahan, Logan Blaine**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Kimberling City

**Morgan-Case, Geneia Lynn**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Morgan, Lori Rachel**  
*Nursing*  
Joplin

**Muter, Courtney Dionne**  
*Health Science*  
Pittsburg, KS

**Myers, Jeremy K.**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Seneca

**Olin, Rebecca J.**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Southwest City

**Sacksteder, Jeremy Lloyd**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Carthage

**Siebenaler, Sherry Lynn**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Storm, Tyler Barrett**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Joplin

**Thurman, Kim Marlene**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Neosho

**Walters, Jessika Marie**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Miami, OK

**Webb, David Denver**  
*Industrial Engineering Technology*  
Carthage

**Whitehead, Chelsea Lynn**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Lamar



## Bachelor of General Studies

**Basore, Tyson E.**

*General Studies*  
Deepwater

**Bettasso, Joseph Silas**

*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Browning, Retha Faye**

*General Studies*  
Vinita, OK

**Caddy, Raymond Alan**

*General Studies*  
Neosho

**Cupp, Caleb Andrew**

*General Studies*  
Carthage

**Denney, Thomas William Travis**

*General Studies*  
Sheldon

**Evans, Sylvia Jane**

*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Head, Stephanie Dawn**

*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Jackson, Michael Adam**

*General Studies*  
Springdale, AR

**Jenison, Anita M.**

*General Studies*  
Carthage

**Lewis, Elise K.**

*General Studies*  
Carthage

**Marbough Sr., David James**

*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Sharits, Beverly Diane**

*General Studies*  
Carthage

**Shoup, Nathan Wesley**

*General Studies*  
Webb City

**Stone, Scott Edwin**

*General Studies*  
Oronogo

**Williams, Wade Ray**

*General Studies*  
Purdy

**Youtsey, Stacie D.**

*General Studies*  
Webb City

## Associate of Arts

**Burns, Kendra Nicole**

*General Studies*  
Purdy

**Dukart, Jacquelyn Marie**

*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Horine, Christopher Loren**

*General Studies*  
Oronogo

**Smiley, Daisy Ann**

*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Stoner, Christina M.**

*General Studies*  
Windsor, CO

## Associate of Science

**Ackerman, Amy Ann**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Carthage

**Alderman, Teri R.**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Joplin

**Bowman, Chad Stewart**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Carl Junction

**Brust, Samantha Suzanne**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Carthage

**Caddick, Jeremy Allen**

*Law Enforcement*  
Sarcoxie

**Clark, Shaina R.**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Pittsburg, KS

**Claxton, Carolyn S.**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Seneca

**Cornell, Jessica Marie**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Sheldon

**DePreste, Charles Dean**

*General Business*  
Sarcoxie

**Dorris, Brandon Mikeal**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Joplin

**Florida, Chastity Dawn**

*General Business*  
Rockville

**Galloup, Anya L.**

*General Business*  
Joplin

**Gardner, Rochelle Lynn**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Lamar

**Griven, Gregory A.**

*Computer Information Science*  
El Dorado Springs

**Golden, Nicholas Patrick**

*Law Enforcement*  
Kansas City

**Harrell, Jessica Danielle**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Bella Vista, AR

**Hartley, Zachary Thomas**

*Law Enforcement*  
Carthage

**Harvey, Troy David**

*Law Enforcement*  
Joplin

**Hatfield Peterson, Vanessa R.**

*General Business*  
Carl Junction

**Howe, Sarah Beth**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Miami, OK



**Hukill, Danielle Lea**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Liberal

**Jones, Amanda Dawn**

*General Business*  
Seneca

**Keller, Jennifer Dawn**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Pittsburg, KS

**Kelley, Megan Dutch**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Carl Junction

**Kissinger, Abbie Rachel**

*Law Enforcement*  
Newton, KS

**Leaming, Heather Dawn**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Alba

**Leary, Sean B.**

*Pre-Engineering*  
Carthage

**Lee, Diana L.**

*General Business*  
Cartersville

**Liles, Margaret Mae**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Webb City

**Lynch Jr., James Michael**

*Law Enforcement*  
Joplin

**Mathis, Kyla Marie**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Lamar

**McAllister, Michael Joseph**

*General Business*  
Webb City

**McQuillen, Chad Derek**

*General Business*  
Joplin

**Merino, Eric James**

*Law Enforcement*  
Neosho

**Morgan-Case, Geneia Lynn**

*Law Enforcement*  
Joplin

**Parsons, Harlow D.**

*Computer Assisted Manufacturing  
Technology*  
Galena, KS

**Pierce, Terrance Robert**

*Law Enforcement*  
Hume

**Rooffener, Michelle Rae**

*Law Enforcement*  
Joplin

**Sacksteder, Jeremy Lloyd**

*Computer Aided Drafting and  
Design/Computer Assisted  
Manufacturing Technology*  
Carthage

**Smith, Stevi Lee**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Joplin

**Stone, Justin Maxwell**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Carl Junction

**Storm, Tyler Barrett**

*Computer Aided Graphic Design*  
Joplin

**Walsh, Matthew Austin**

*General Business*  
Carthage



# Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear blue gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

<b>Brown:</b>	Fine Arts
<b>Crimson:</b>	Journalism
<b>Dark Blue:</b>	Philosophy
<b>Golden Yellow:</b>	Science
<b>Lemon Yellow:</b>	Library Science
<b>Light Blue:</b>	Education
<b>Pink:</b>	Music
<b>Purple:</b>	Law
<b>Sage Green:</b>	Physical Education
<b>Scarlet:</b>	Theology
<b>White:</b>	Arts, Letters, Humanities
<b>Yellow Brown:</b>	Commerce, Business, Accountancy



# ALMA MATER

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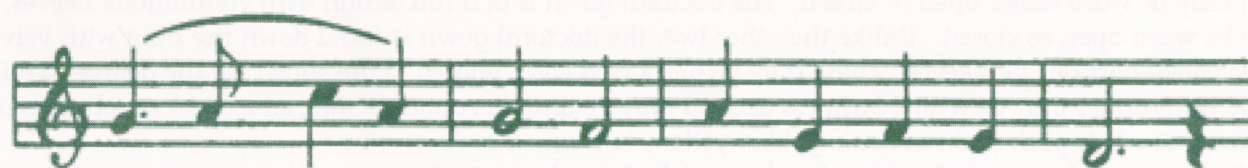
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Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

*Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.*